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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:		)	Chapter 11
CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, et al., 1		)	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
	Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

# SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF JOHN J. SIKORA IN SUPPORT OF DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY LATHAM & WATKINS LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

I, John J. Sikora, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Latham & Watkins LLP ("<u>L&W</u>"), an international law firm with offices across the United States, Europe, and Asia. I am admitted in, practicing in, and a member in good standing of the state bar of Illinois, and there are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me. I am over the age of eighteen, am authorized to submit this Declaration, and am competent to testify on the matters contained herein.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Celsius Network LLC (2148); Celsius KeyFi LLC (4414); Celsius Lending LLC (8417); Celsius Mining LLC (1387); Celsius Network Inc. (1219); Celsius Network Limited (8554); Celsius Networks Lending LLC (3390); Celsius US Holding LLC (7956); GK8 Ltd. (1209); GK8 UK Limited (0893); and GK8 USA LLC (9450). The location of Debtor Celsius Network LLC's principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 50 Harrison Street, Suite 209F, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.

- 2. I submit this sixth supplemental declaration (the "Sixth Supplemental Declaration") in further support of the *Debtors' Application for Authority to Retain and Employ Latham & Watkins LLP as Special Counsel to the Debtors Effective as of the Petition Date* [D.I. 363 & 1030] (the "Application")<sup>2</sup> and to supplement the disclosures set forth in the Sikora Declaration attached as Exhibit B to the Application (the "Initial Declaration"), the first supplemental Sikora declaration filed on August 12, 2022 [D.I. 440 & 1031], the second supplemental Sikora declaration filed on August 31, 2022 [D.I. 647], the third supplemental Sikora declaration filed on December 15, 2022 [D.I. 1711], the fourth supplemental Sikora declaration filed on January 25, 2023 [D.I. 1937], and the fifth supplemental Sikora declaration filed on May 19, 2023 [D.I. 2691] (collectively, the "Prior Declarations").
- 3. All facts set forth in this Sixth Supplemental Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, information supplied to me by other L&W professionals or paraprofessionals, or learned from my review of relevant documents. To the extent any information disclosed herein requires amendment or modification as additional information becomes available to L&W, an additional supplemental declaration will be submitted to this Court reflecting such amended or modified information.
- 4. Since the Application was filed, L&W has continued to review its connections to parties in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases using the disclosure procedures described in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Initial Declaration. Specifically, L&W searched its Client Database for connections to the parties listed on <u>Appendix 1</u> hereto (collectively, the "<u>Supplemental Parties in Interest</u>"). This inquiry revealed that certain of the Supplemental Parties in Interest are current or former clients of L&W, or were clients of L&W attorneys while such attorneys were at a prior

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

firm. Such Supplemental Parties in Interest, and their relationship to L&W, are listed on

Appendix 2 to this Sixth Supplemental Declaration. Through the information generated by this

computer inquiry, and through follow-up inquiries with L&W attorneys as necessary, it was

determined that the representation of the parties in interest disclosed on Appendix 2 hereto

concerned matters in which such clients were not adverse to the Debtors or the Debtors' estates

with respect to the L&W Services.

5. In addition, L&W continued to monitor its Client Database for new information

regarding entities that were previously searched in connection with the Prior Declarations and has

amended its prior disclosures on Appendix 3 to this Sixth Supplemental Declaration.

6. Based on the information available to me, I believe that L&W: (a) has no

connection to the Debtors, their creditors, or their related parties except as may be disclosed herein

or in the Prior Declarations, and (b) does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the interests

of the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which L&W is to be employed in these

Chapter 11 Cases.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true

and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on this 6th day of November, 2023.

/s/ John J. Sikora

John J. Sikora

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# Appendix 1

**Supplemental Parties in Interest List** 

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<u>Appendix</u>	<u>Category</u>
1(a)	Claims Objections
1(b)	Potential Bidding Parties and Principals
1(c)	Vendors
1(d)	Excluded Parties

#### Appendix 1(a)

#### **Claims Objections**

Aaron Timmins Elizabeth Ordonez

Aaron Vittini Ellen Lee

Abraham Bruck Enrique De Castro
Adam James Ellis Eric G. Kenny
Ágata López Fernández Evan Ahern
Allison Pleskonko Florent David

Anabelle Dias Geoffrey Thompson
Antonino Francesco Bisogni GFL Environmental Inc.

Arend Dirk

Bastien Vogt

Benjamin Landry

Boonkit Jirapongtanavech

Gregg Robert Popkin

Gunawan Wibisono

Gurleen Bhinder

Heidi Elise Newell

Brandon Liljenquist

BrightHouse Networks LLC

Hino Munenori
Hoang Nam

Bum Bae Sung Hoang Nhut Nguyen
Carl Lamb HSM Corporate Services Ltd.

Carlos L. Santo Jacob J. Ring

Charles Cody Dobbins Jacob Ring Roth Investment Trust

Charles Crider Jacqueline Gilyard Jones
Charles Joseph Worthman Jared Wayne Wheetley

Charles Joseph Worthman Jared Wayne Wheetley Charter Communications Inc. Jason Chen

Christen Moody
Christopher T. Gomez
Cindy Followill
Contrarian Funds LLC
Jason Weber
Jay Y. Juch
Jeff Neumann
Jeff Neumann
Jeremy Britton

Craig Candelore Jeronimo Trevino De Hoyos

Cristian Compagno Jesper Kolbeck Cristina Diane Boyce Jian Meng Hoh

Cynthia Lynn Fuller Joachim Robert A. Lebrun Daniel Myers Joao Miguel Pinheiro Lopes

Danilo Maruccia

Danilo Pineda

Danilo Pineda

Darryl Moase

Darryl Moase

Daryna Padalytsya

David Leshock

Dean C. Chenarides, II Kelly Donaldson Derek Le Kim Corthout

Destiny Ministries International Inc.

Do Kheng Tan

Eddie William Avedikian

Kristina Knapic

Kurt Heisey

Lance Moore

Eddie William Avedikian

Edward St. George

Edwin H. Daniel

Lance Moore

Leah Pearlman

Leonard Yambo

Linda Preus

Madison Sample, Jr., MD

Mark Tuttle Marvin Rougier

Matti Tetrev

Maurizio Margarone

Melissa Lynne Johnson

Miranda George

Nazir Dhanani

Nephi Evans

Nicolas Hernandez

Novawulf Digital Parallel Master Fund LP

Olivier Laroche

Paul Louis

Peter Kaplan

Pharos Fund SP of Pharos Master Fund LP

Poandy Alisjahbana

Prajesh Gulu Patel

Priyank Gulu Patel

Raymond Fong

Richard Hicks

Rick Hoffmann

Ron Rossnick

Ryan Anderson

Saad Hamid

Sajiv Nair

Sara Maria De Sousa Janota

Scott J. Reesman

Seonmi Richard

Seth Gray

Shahriyar Amini

Sivapalan SV Kandiah

Steven Humel

Susan Ritholz

Tae Yeong Ham

Tamim Aryan

Terrance Lade

Thuy Nguyen

Tiber Petrovicz

Timothy Brooks

Trenton Krol

Tymothy Kennedy

Vincent Bertrand Wilhelm-Wendling

Vincenzo James Ciaravino, III

Vitor Morouço

Vrana Shaw

Washington D.C., Department of Insurance,

Securities & Banking

William Joseph McFerrin, Jr.

Yeonsun Shin

Zabillo Mansouri

Zach Alvarez

Zachary Davidson

Zachary Novak

# Appendix 1(b)

## **Potential Bidding Parties and Principals**

[Confidential] US Bitcoin Corp. US Data Mining Group Inc. Appendix 1(c)

Vendors

New Horizon Communications

#### Appendix 1(d)

#### **Excluded Parties**

Adam Carver

Alchemy Capital Partners LP

Alexander Christy BadgerDAO

Bancor

Battlestar Capital, LLC

Benjamin Armstrong

Berkley Insurance Company

Beyond Associates LLC

Circle Internet Financial, LLC

Circle UK Trading Company Limited

Cloudflare, Inc Coin Bureau

Cosmos Infrastructure LLC

Crypto Lark

DeFiRate

Dennis Reichelt

Ditto PR

**Endurance American Insurance Company** 

FTX Trading Ltd

**Grant Thornton LLP** 

Guy Turner

Haines Watts London LLP

HDR Global Trading Limited (t/a BitMEX)

High Throughput Productions, LLC

Into the Block Corp

James Mullarney

Jason Perman

Jason Stone

Julie La Point

KPMG Somekh Chaikin

Lark Davis

Luna Squares LLC

Mawson Infrastructure Group Inc

Michael Alfred

MVP Workshop d.o.o. Beograd-Zemun and its

shareholders

Nektar ACS Corp

Peter Graham

QBE Insurance Company

Realm Insurance Company

Sabre56 Corp StakeHound SA Tether Limited The Wolf of Bitcoin Timothy Shedd

Tom McCarthy Walter Johnson

XL Specialty Insurance Company

Yarden Noy Zachary Wildes

Zen Blockchain Foundation (d/b/a Horizen)

# Appendix 2

**Client Match List** 

#### **Client Match List**

Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to L&W <sup>1</sup>
BrightHouse Networks LLC	Claims Objections	Prior Client
Charter Communications Inc.	Claims Objections	Current Client, Former Client, Prior Client
Contrarian Funds LLC	Claims Objections	Current Client, Former Client, Prior Client
Geoffrey Thompson	Claims Objections	Former Client
GFL Environmental Inc.	Claims Objections	Current Client, Former Client
Rick Hoffmann	Claims Objections	Former Client
[Confidential]	Potential Bidding Parties and Principals	Current Client, Prior Client
Circle Internet Financial, LLC	Excluded Parties	Current Client
Circle UK Trading Company Limited	Excluded Parties	Former Client
Cloudflare, Inc	Excluded Parties	Former Client, Prior Client
Endurance American Insurance Company	Excluded Parties	Prior Client
FTX Trading Ltd	Excluded Parties	Former Client
Grant Thornton LLP	Excluded Parties	Current Client, Prior Client
HDR Global Trading Limited (t/a BitMEX)	Excluded Parties	Current Client, Prior Client
KPMG Somekh Chaikin	Excluded Parties	Current Client, Former Client, Prior Client
Nektar ACS Corp	Excluded Parties	Prior Client
QBE Insurance Company	Excluded Parties	Current Client, Prior Client
XL Specialty Insurance Company	Excluded Parties	Prior Client

The term "<u>Current Client</u>" refers to an entity listed as a client in L&W's Client Database for whom time has been recorded in the past three years and L&W has at least one open matter. The term "<u>Former Client</u>" refers to an entity listed as a client in L&W's Client Database for whom time has been recorded in the past three years but all matters for such client have since been closed. The term "<u>Prior Client</u>" refers to an entity listed as a client of an L&W attorney while such attorney was at a prior firm.

# Appendix 3

**Amended Client Match List** 

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<b>Matched Entity</b>	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to L&W <sup>1</sup>
Babel Holding Limited	Institutional Customers	Prior Client
Core Scientific Inc	Institutional Customers	Current Client, Prior Client
Bloomberg Finance LP	Vendors	Current Client, Former Client, Prior Client
CDW	Vendors	Current Client, Prior Client
Core Scientific	Vendors	Current Client, Prior Client
Notarize	Vendors	Current Client
Trustpilot Inc.	Vendors	Prior Client
Zendesk, Inc.	Vendors	Current Client, Prior Client

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